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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 1 - 5.

Kindly add the following new Claims:

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--6. Rubber mixtures comprising one more hydroxyl group-containing rubbers polymerized in solution and synthesized from diolefins and vinyl aromatic monomers containing bound secondary hydroxyl groups in the range of 0.1 to 5wt.%, wherein said secondary hydroxyl groups are located no further than 4 carbon atoms away from the respective side chain end.

7. Rubber mixtures according to Claim 6, wherein said hydroxyl group-containing rubber or rubbers polymerized in solution have a content of polymerized vinyl aromatic in the range of 5 to 40 wt.% and a 1,2 vinyl content in the range of 5 to 60 wt.%.

8. Rubber mixtures according to Claim 6, wherein styrene is used as a vinyl aromatic monomer.

9. Rubber mixtures according to Claim 6, wherein said diolefins are 1,3-butadiene or isoprene.

10. Molded articles containing rubber mixtures which comprise one more hydroxyl group-containing rubbers polymerized in solution and synthesized from diolefins and vinyl aromatic monomers containing bound secondary hydroxyl groups in the range of 0.1 to 5wt.%, wherein said secondary hydroxyl groups are located no further than 4 carbon atoms away from the respective side chain end.

11. A molded article according to Claim 10, wherein said molded article is

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a tire tread. --

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